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# CITY CHARTER CHANGES RATIFIED

## Bigger Council Gets Approval

Ratification of the charter changes approved by Torrance voters at a special election last Oct. 29 has been voted by the Assembly and the State Senate in record time, Assemblyman Vincent Thomas informed the HERALD yesterday. Approval of the city measures was one of the first

actions of the 1958 session of the Legislature, and the ratification—Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 1 for 1958—has been sent to the secretary of state for recording.

Ratification of the measures by the Legislature gives official status to the city's new seven-man council with election of the mayor by the voters. It clears the way officially for the April election of councilmen and the mayor to complete the enlarged governing body for Torrance.

After meeting Monday and Tuesday, the Legislature recessed for committee hearings and will reconvene March 3 to consider Governor Knight's record budget.

Assemblyman Thomas, who represents Torrance and the San Pedro-Wilmington areas, will be home this week end, but will return to Sacramento for committee assignments early next week, he reports.

## Channels Aid Control of Flood Areas

Flood control channels are working effectively in Torrance, according to Public Works Director John Russell.

Areas which in past years have been flooded during periods of heavy rain have not been troublesome thus far in the current storm, he declared.

The northeast section of the city, where scores of persons had to be evacuated two years ago, has remained relatively dry. This was attributed to recently completed widening, deepening and paving of the Dominguez Channel to the east.

Relatively little water was standing in the WALTERIA Lake in the south section of the city.

Lower Paseo de Gracia, which collects water when there's little more than a heavy mist, has been kept under control with pumps manned constantly since Saturday.

## Slick Streets Blamed for 3 Accidents

Heavy rain was listed as the prime cause for a number of injury accidents in Torrance Tuesday.

Velma Turner Piercy, 38, of 1721 Fern St., was taken to Harbor General Hospital with minor injuries, following a two car collision on Crenshaw Blvd., near Jefferson St.

The other driver, Antonia Soto Jr., 17, of 2562 W. 235th St., was uninjured.

Michael Japko, 27, of 4920 Newton St., ran off the roadway and slammed into a utility pole on Pacific Coast Hwy. near Ocean Ave. He was taken to a private doctor for treatment of injuries. No other car was involved.

Eloise Baumberge Goodwin, 54, of 5203 Ruby Ave., sustained a cut knee when her car was hit by one driven by Albert Bert Lane, 58, of 4504 Del Amo.

The accident occurred at Hawthorne Ave., and Del Amo.

## Four Escape With Police In Pursuit

Torrance police officers gave chase to a stolen auto Tuesday which finally crashed into a utility pole.

The four occupants of the stolen vehicle, wanted by Los Angeles sheriffs for suspicion of armed robbery, fled the scene on foot. None of the four was caught.

Local officers started the chase at Cravens St. and Gramercy Ave. and continued the pursuit to 236th and Eshelman Ave., scene of the crash.

The four occupants were listed as suspects in an armed robbery which was committed earlier at Carson and Figueroa Sts.



223RD ST. LAKE . . . Residents living along 223rd St. between Normandie and Vermont were up in arms this week about the condition of the street, which is a lake every time it rains. Children walking to 223rd St. School or White Junior High must either walk through this puddle or detour several blocks around it. Residents want either

a pump to drain it or a sidewalk around it. The street floods both during rains and when the nearby school waters its lawn, they report, and in the summer is a pool of stagnant water. Shown wading to school are Perry Wayne Buckmaster, Larry Roach, Frank, Gerald and Ronald Berrier. (Herald Photo)

## Isen Says He'll Run On Record

The second entry in what many believe will be the city's hottest political race in years was made this week when Albert Isen formally announced that he would seek election to the new four-year post as mayor. He will be opposed by Nick Drale, who announced his candidacy earlier.

Isen, who has served as



ALBERT ISEN . . . In Mayor's Race

mayor during the past three years, was first elected to the city council in 1954.

An attorney and downtown property owner, Isen has been a resident of Torrance since he moved here with his parents in 1913. His father, the late Jacob Isenstein, was one of the town's first merchants.

Isen began his formal education here and was the first student to complete his elementary and secondary education in the city. He was graduated from Torrance High School with the class of '24. He was graduated from the SC School of Law in 1930 and has been practicing here since 1933.

### Only One Issue

"As far as I'm concerned, there is only one campaign issue, good city government," Isen said in his announcement yesterday.

"It has been a constant challenge."

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## School Board Studies Finances, Wonders Where to Get More Cash

The Torrance School Board Tuesday night took a look at the financial future, and did not like what it saw. The taxpayer probably won't like it either.

The total estimated costs of running the school district in the next fiscal year will be \$8,192,401, some \$334,000 more than estimate income. According to estimates, costs per pupil will be \$11.18 higher next year than they were in the 1957-58 school year. It presently costs \$333.56 per pupil per year, which is one of the lowest in the country.

### Federal Funds

Biggest threat to the local taxpayer's dollar is the prospect that federal funds, which have given the school district \$3,000,000 in building money, and between \$50,000 and \$200,000 per year for operating expenses for the past several years, may be withdrawn.

Congress is scheduled to act on the renewal of Public Laws 815 and 874 this year, and many observers feel that they will not be renewed. Both provide for federal subsidies to school districts in which there are tax-exempt industries and large numbers of workers in federally connected industries. Some 43 per cent of local parents work in government or firms with federal contracts.

If these laws do not pass again, it would mean an immediate tax increase of about 13 cents per \$100 valuation, according to Assistant Superintendent S. E. Waldrip.

### Resolution Passed

Accordingly, the school board passed a resolution urging the renewal of both laws, with copies to be sent to Congressmen.

To meet the remaining deficiency, reserves might need to be used to balance the budget or a higher tax might be needed, Superintendent J. H. Hull said.

Expenditures for schools would increase about \$234,000, under present estimates. At the present time, the School District's elementary school construction program is under the State Loan program. The high school building program

is not included in this.

While it was pondering the financial future, the board also heard a request for an increase in teachers' salaries, presented by the Torrance Education Assn. finance committee. The committee presented a schedule calling for a pay schedule ranging from \$4700 to \$8870. The present schedule is from \$4500 to \$7700.

The board took the matter

## Downtown Stores Set Stamp Plan

Inauguration of a new trading stamp plan to be known as "Downtown Torrance Trade Stamps" was revealed yesterday by Del Nadeau, president of the Retail Merchants Division of the Chamber of Commerce, and Bernie Lee, chairman of the group's promotion committee.

Announced for the first time today in a full-page advertisement on Page 18 of the HERALD, the new stamp plan will offer trade stamps to customers of nearly 70 downtown Torrance stores. The stamps also will be redeemable with any of the participating merchants.

Each book of stamps will be worth \$3 in merchandise at most stores in the downtown Torrance area, Nadeau said.

"With these, you can buy merchandise, pay installments, or just use them like money in the participating stores," he explained.

Stores joining the program are listed on Page 18. Each participating store will display banners identifying it as a "Downtown Torrance Trade Stamps" store.

## BRADFORD, VICO ISSUED PETITIONS

George A. Bradford, 1323 Beech Ave., and George Vico, 219 Paseo De Las Delicias, took out nominating papers here late yesterday.

Vico, former major league and Hollywood Star baseball player, had said earlier that he would seek a council seat. Bradford, past president of the Torrance Optimist Club and member of the Chamber of Commerce board of directors, did not identify the office he seeks.

## HORLANDER HONORED BY ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION

Capt. Douglas J. Horlander, commander of the Torrance National Guard Unit, was honored by a resolution passed unanimously by the California Assembly this week.

Horlander was honored for his actions as commander of the unit, which did extensive rescue and relief work during the January, 1955, floods which caused considerable damage in Torrance.

Also cited were his work in coordinating civil defense exercises, his being named "Outstanding Young Man in Torrance" in 1956, and his work in nominating Torrance for the

"All-America City" award and serving as chairman of the presentation banquet.

"By his actions, Capt. Horlander has established himself as a true leader and has furnished an example of devoted service to community and state worthy of emulation," the resolution stated.

The resolution was introduced by Assemblyman Vincent Thomas, on information furnished by the Torrance Chamber of Commerce.

An engraved copy of the resolution will be presented to Horlander.

## County Library System May Go Kaput in City, Council Hears

Torrance has 17 months in which to decide whether to join the county library system or set up a municipally operated library plan.

The city's contract for local library services with the county will not be renewed at the end of the next fiscal year, according to the board of supervisors.

The county's action cast doubt on the proposed construction of a new county-financed library in the Torrance civic center. Only last week, County Librarian John Henderson suggested a 12,000 square foot, \$300,000 county

library be placed in the center.

Under the current system, the county furnishes personnel and books for libraries operated in city-owned buildings. The city is paying about \$62,000 for the service this fiscal year.

Money for local libraries is raised through a municipal tax levy by 5.9 cents per \$100 assessed valuation. Tax rate of the county library system is 9.9 cents, with an increase probable next year.

Torrance has had a library contract with the county since 1935.

Word of the county's action

was received with raised eyebrows by city councilmen.

"It seems strange that the county is canceling this contract while still contracting police and fire services to other cities," commented Councilman Robert Jahn.

City Manager George Stevens observed that the action "might be the beginning of the end for the Lakewood Plan," whereby the cities contract with the county for some municipal services.

The supervisors' action was referred to the city library board for study.

## A Penny for your Thoughts

With crime in the news, the HERALD's inquiring photographer posed this question: "A police chief recently suggested that it would be a good idea for women to take judo lessons to protect themselves. What do you think?"

C. F. Schuhholz, Los Angeles, assistant superintendent, Great Lakes Carbon:

"It would be a good idea, but it should not be compulsory. I have mentioned it to my wife several times. I don't think there's anything unladylike about it."

Mrs. Connie Anastassiou, 211 Paseo de Granada, housewife:

"It's a very good idea. The way today's world, is women have to protect themselves. They're not as strong as men, so they have to use other means. Judo could be their 'ace in the hole,' so to speak."

Lloyd Wutherich, 5308 Calle Mayor, milkman:

"Sure. In this day and age, it's definitely needed. It would be a good protection for women. Judo is something everybody should know something about."

Mrs. Juanita Brennan, 812 Portola Ave., housewife:

"It would be essential or at least helpful in many kinds of work. I do not think it's unladylike and there are times when it is needed."

Roy Burt, 22305 Warmside Ave., government employee:

"Judo is the art of using an opponent's strength against himself. A small person, using this means, can overpower a larger person. Anyone wanting to defend himself without a weapon will find this is best."

## Rivets Reports

Today's weather should be warm and sunny, in comparison with the 2.2 inches of rain which fell earlier this week, according to the HERALD's weatherdog, Rivets.

Do not pack your raincoat away, however, because there's another storm on the way, he said.

High and low temperatures this week included Sunday (70-43); Monday (67-55); Tuesday (65-54); and Wednesday (70-49).



SUNNY



DRIVE LEADERS MEET . . . Dr. Don C. Moshos (left), area chairman for the American National Red Cross, confers with campaign leaders during an organizational meeting yesterday. Others (from the left) are H. D. McCafferty, professional chairman; Ray Wyatt, business chairman, and Mrs. Mary Pagac, residential chairman. The annual drive will begin officially on March 1.